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THE MORRIS AND GWENDOLYN CAFRITZ FOUNDATION

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Purpose: Emphasis on community service, cultural programs, education, and health.

Limitations: ***Giving only for programs of direct assistance to the District of Columbia. Grants awarded on a single-year basis only. No grants to individuals, or for emergency funds, deficit financing, capital, endowment, or building funds, research, demonstration projects, or conferences; no loans.***

Financial Data (year ended 4/30/87): Assets (market value), $157,775,120; gifts received (87), $25,000; gifts received (86), $23,400; expenditures, $7,185,919, including $6,137,741 for 112 + grants (high: $1,200,000; low: $1,000; general range: $10,000-50,000); and $6,025,241 for 109 + grants authorized.

Officers: Gwendolyn D. Cafritz,* President; Martin Atlas,* Vice President and Treasurer; Roger A. Clark, Secretary; Sheila A. Hines, Assistant Secretary

Directors:* William P. Rogers.

Number of Staff: One part-time professional, one part-time support.

Background: The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation was incorporated in 1948 in the District of Columbia with funds donated by the late Morris Cafritz, a Washington, D.C. real estate developer and financier. His wife, Gwendolyn Cafritz, remains active in the foundation's affairs, serving as president and director. From fiscal 1970 to 1986, the foundation authorized over $40.4 million in grants distributed as follows: arts and humanities, $23,475,980; community services, $6,922,287; education, $5,999,307; health, $3,999,003; and other, $27,770. In fiscal 1987, the market value of the foundation's assets totaled $157.8 million, a slight (1%) increase over their value in 1986 ($156.3 million).

Grant Analysis: During the fiscal year ended April 30, 1987, the foundation made payments on grants totaling $6,137,741 (see Financial Data). During the same period, authorizations for new grants totaled $6,025,241. This analysis, the chart below, and the list of sample grants reflect grants authorized in fiscal 1987.

Grants awarded by the foundation in fiscal 1986 continued to reflect the foundation's stated areas of interest. As in previous years, the largest portion of new support (67%) was allotted to arts and humanities organizations, with an emphasis on performing arts groups and museums. The National Gallery of Art received the high grant of the year ($1,200,000). Other major recipients in the category included the Foundation for the Commemoration of the United States Constitution ($400,000), the Washington Opera ($300,000), and the Library of Congress ($252,341).

Educational organizations received 14% of authorized funding. Included were grants to the Georgetown Day School ($185,000), the Community Foundation of Greater Washington ($125,000), the Council for Basic Education ($100,000), and George Washington University ($100,000). Eleven percent of authorized funds supported community service organizations. Major grants in this category went to the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital ($61,000), and the Ethiopian Community Center and Sasha Bruce Youthwork ($50,000 each).

Health organizations received 8% of the grant dollar, with emphasis on equipment for hospitals, youth health service programs, and medical research. Included was $100,000 to Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. and $75,000 to the Visiting Nurse Association of Washington, D.C. Remaining funds (less than 1%) were disbursed to unspecified miscellaneous organizations.

Of the total number of grants approved, 94 were either renewal or repeat grants providing further funding for the same or similar projects of the same grantee, seven were made to organizations previously funded by the foundation but for different kinds of projects, and nine were to organizations without previous support from the foundation.

	No. of grants	Amount	Percent of grant dollars	General range of grants
Arts and Humanities	40	$4,059,256	67	$4,000-1,200,000
Education	22	867,776	14	10,000-185,000
Community Services	31	638.124	11	1,000-60,000
Health	16	453,594	8	2,000-100,000
Other		6,491	Less than 1%	
Totals	109	$6,025,241	100%	

Types of Support: The foundation prefers to make grants on a project basis; support also for operating budgets, annual campaigns, seed money, equipment and materials, scholarships, fellowships, exchange programs, publications, and matching or challenge grants; some organizations receive continuing support. (*See Limitations.*)

Recipient Type: Recipients include performing arts groups, museums, and other arts and humanities organizations; educational organizations and programs, including schools, universities, and financial aid and scholarship programs; community services, including social service and youth agencies, programs for the handicapped, interdenominational groups, and federated appeals; and hospital and health service programs, particularly for youth.

Geographic Distribution: ***Giving only for programs of direct assistance to the District of Columbia.***

Grants: The following is a partial list of grants that were authorized by the foundation during the fiscal year ended April 30, 1987. Unless otherwise noted, recipients were located in Washington, D.C.

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